

# Mahathir: Don't usurp roles

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**KUANTAN, Sun.** — The Prime Minister tonight called for an end to the state of confusion caused by attempts by those with specific functions in the country to usurp the role of the others.

If everyone played the role allocated to them by the Constitution as during the last 30 years, the present state of confusion caused by the call to review the Constitution would not arise at all.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad warned that confusion could lead to chaos, uncertainty, and all the nation-building efforts of the last 30 years would be for nothing.

He said that should there be a need to review the Constitution, it should be done in a proper manner, as provided for in the Constitution itself.

"We should not find other means of doing it. There may be those who would be disap-

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pointed. Some of those who proposed the review do not gain the right to do so through elections but yet they call on judges to give their views."

The Prime Minister was speaking at a dinner hosted by the Pahang Menteri Besar Datuk Khalil Yaakub. Among those present were senior Government officers and leaders of Barisan Nasional component parties.

He said it was important for everyone to understand the division of powers into the legislative, executive and judiciary.

Those in their specific branches should play the role stipulated for them in the Constitution.

On the call for the review of the Constitution, he called on those at the forefront of it, to rethink.

Dr Mahathir said the Constitution held many guarantees designed to ensure the prosperity, harmony and stability of the nation.

"It is in the interest of everyone that we uphold the Constitution."

He said a review might open up a Pandora's box. While some might call for the removal of the special position of the Malays, others might ask for some people to be denied citizenship rights.

This could cause tension and create other problems which might shake up the very fabric of the nation.

"But of course, as the Constitution is man-made, it is not perfect."

He said it was difficult to have everyone or every race in a multiracial State to be satisfied with the situation in the nation.